

### REMARKS

The above-mentioned Notice indicates that the application, as filed, is considered to be informal and requires replacement drawings to conform labels for the various drawing figures more closely to the Rules and to the specification.

In response, a Request for Approval to Amend the Drawings (the "Request") is being filed concurrently herewith. The Request ensures that all of the drawings, as originally filed and as amended, are properly labeled.

The specification has been amended to even more closely conform to the drawings, as amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

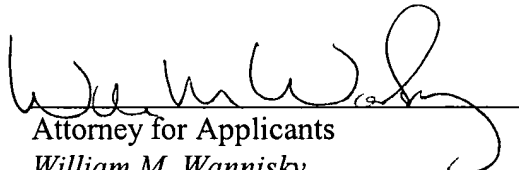
It is respectfully submitted that any informalities in the application identified in the Notice have been addressed.

Claims 25 through 29 remain pending in the application. Claims 25 and 29 have been amended to place the claims in even better form. Again, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the application are earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our New York office at the address shown below.

Respectfully submitted,



Attorney for Applicants  
*William M. Wannisky*  
Registration No. 28,373

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-3801  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

WMW\tas

DC\_MAIN 170908v1